

Local community leaders target underage drinking

Story by Steve Davis
 Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS — Area III and Korean leaders are working together to curb underage drinking in Anjung-ri, the small town outside the gates of Camp Humphreys.

“This is an emphasis, an awareness and a collaboration to assure that we protect Soldiers from dangers of underage drinking and preserve the integrity of the force,” said Area III Commander Col. Michael J. Taliento Jr., who with other Area III officials met with members of the Korea Special Tourist Association and the K-6

Merchants Association June 17 to discuss the problem of underage drinking.

Both U.S. Forces Korea Regulation 27-5 and Area III Policy Memorandum 22 set the legal drinking age at 20 years old. KSTA club owners said they are willing to work with Area III authorities to enforce the regulations.

Sixteen KSTA clubs have posted signs to remind Status of Forces Agreement status patrons that the legal drinking age of 20 is being enforced. Signs are also being posted at some restaurants and convenience stores. SOFA status customers are required to provide proof of age, if requested. If

the SOFA status customer refuses, that customer will not be served alcohol.

Soldiers and family members under 20 years of age may still visit KSTA clubs, officials said, but may only consume nonalcoholic drinks.

During the June 17 meeting, club owners expressed concern about American patrons who bring their own beer and liquor into the clubs and who ignore a ban on backpacks. One club owner said some soldiers blatantly disregard the rule and bring in backpacks containing alcohol. Backpacks are not allowed by force protection regulations. Military police and Area III courtesy patrols routinely

inspect premises for them.

U.S. Army Support Activity Area III Alcohol Policy, as outlined in Area III Policy Memorandum 22 regarding the sale, storage and consumption of alcoholic beverages, states (among other provisions) that:

- The purchase, possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is limited to personnel 20 years of age or older. Soldiers and civilians of legal age may not purchase or provide alcoholic beverages for consumption by anyone under age 20.
- Possession of an open alcoholic

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Iraqis learn it ‘pays’ to hand over arms

Story by Staff Sgt. Tony Sailer
 1st Armored Division Public Affairs

KARBALA, Iraq — Dozens of Iraqis traded weapons for cash here in early June as part of the Army’s Weapons Reward Program.

The weeklong program was started by a Polish Army psychological operations team to get weapons off the streets and put money in the pockets of citizens, thereby stimulating the local economy.

More than \$30,000 was given out, said 1st Lt. Eric Iliff, a fire support officer with Company C, 1st Battalion, 36th Infantry Regiment, Task Force 1-37 Armor, 1st Armored Division. Soldiers from that unit, along with other Soldiers from the task force, manned the buy-back program at the Police Academy in southern Karbala from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each day.

“The prices (we offer) are pretty competitive,” said Iliff. “We have had very few people complain.” The complaints they received came from those trying to sell inoperative weapons.

“They want to get the full price, but for a broken AK,” Iliff said. “We are only going to pay a small percentage of what we pay for a functional weapon.”

A wide variety of weapons and ammunition were collected, including dozens of rocket-propelled grenade launchers, assault and other types of rifles, hundreds of

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Washed out!



PHOTO BY STEVE DAVIS

Soldiers from the 3rd Maintenance Company at Suwon Air Base rinse off their High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle during a semi annual operational decontamination exercise recently to test their nuclear, biological and chemical operational readiness. At the conclusion of the exercise, the contaminated unit was ready to continue the mission.

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MP Blotter

The following entries were excerpted from the past several week's military police blotters. These entries may be incomplete and do not determine the guilt or innocence of any person.

■ An investigation by the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division found that a U.S. government civilian used his government purchase card to make more than \$46,000 in fraudulent charges. The subject admitted that he made the fraudulent charges to his GPC at various businesses off-post.

■ A military police investigation revealed that a U.S. Soldier assaulted several female Soldiers by grabbing their buttocks without their consent.

Further investigation revealed the Soldier assaulted one female Soldier when he kissed her on the cheek without her consent while in her barracks room.

■ The military police were recently notified of larceny of private property. An investigation disclosed that a Soldier's digital video disc player and cell phone and another Soldier's cell phone were removed from their rooms, which were secured and unattended.

■ A recent military police investigation revealed that a U.S. Soldier was observed in an off post club during curfew hours. When the Soldier was approached by Korean National Police, the Soldier said he was not a servicemember and refused to produce his identification card. After being asked by KNP for his ID card, the Soldier finally admitted to being a servicemember and produced his ID. The Soldier was apprehended and transported to the provost marshal office.

Commentary

Ex-figure skater slugs through life; takes time to rough up the competition

By Sgt. Andrew Kosterman

Korea Region Public Affairs Office

I don't know what's more ridiculous: That Tonya Harding has become a boxer or that she made more than I do in year from her last bout.

One thing I do know, it sure was entertaining to see the highlights on ESPN. The other guys in the chow hall would agree with me. So did the crowd that booed her as she entered the ring in Edmonton, Ontario, June 25.

Harding took home more than a severe face beating; she added \$25,000 to her purse. Not bad for a loss. A boxing promoter said she could have made as much as \$600,000 if she won.

I'm sure money wasn't what was going through her head as she vainly tried to defend herself against the ropes while a relatively unknown Canadian boxer brutally pounded her back to the Stone Age.

She may have had some sense knocked into her head. We won't know until after the swelling goes down.

Given the profit and attention Harding receives from her new bad girl image, there probably won't be much change.

She gets a lot of attention from this new image. She also probably won't be on the ice anytime soon since she has been banned by the U.S. Figure Skating Association. So making a career change was definitely a must.

It's just too bad she couldn't follow the example set by the person who was on the receiving end of the "whack heard around the world."

That would be Nancy Kerrigan. She now is a mother of a 7-year-old who likes to sing and paint.

One might think that a person who hired a hit man to get rid of an opponent in the public eye might try to improve her image.

Instead it appears that she may have made a little progress in repairing an innocent figure skater girl image since then.

Since her celebrity boxing debut, Harding has moved from TV show entertainment to the pros.

She's the only American woman to land a triple axel in competition, but has yet to prove to me that she can be

the only one to make a successful transition to a legitimate boxing career — one free from the alcohol-related and fights-with-boyfriends headlines.

Before her first professional fight in February, Harding said people would see how fundamentally solid she is.

She is going to need to be if she keeps taking blows like the ones she got June 25 if she wants to continue in the ring.

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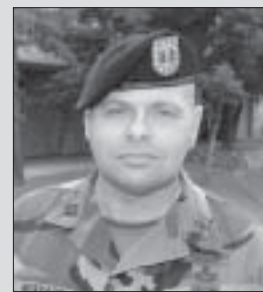
"I will be getting together with some close friends." — Spc. Adam F. Williams, Company D, 168th Medical Battalion, Camp Walker



"I'll be on leave in Virginia." — Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Powell, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Area I



"I am going to take a walk on Apsan Mountain with my family." — Pak Chan-Yoo, company commander, 32nd Korean Service Corps Company, Camp Henry



"I'll probably be working." — Capt. Chris Hubbard, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Area I

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NEWS & NOTES

Gift Shop to Close

The Chosun Gift Shop will be closed in July. It will reopen Aug. 4 and continue regularly scheduled hours:

Wednesday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Saturday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Free DMZ Tour for Students

High school and college students of U.S. military and civilian personnel and Department of State employees in Korea are welcome to a free demilitarized zone tour 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 4. The program includes historical briefings and tours of Tunnel No. 3, Observation Post Dora, Camp Bonifas and Panmunjom. Reservations are required. Call Nel de Leon, U.S. Forces Korea Public Affairs Office, 723-4685, or send e-mail to deleonc@usfk.korea.army.mil by July 26.

COLA Decreases

Many servicemembers throughout Korea have already noticed a decrease in Cost of Overseas Living Allowance that took effect June 1. The Military Advisory Panel of the Per Diem Travel and Transportation Allowance Committee approved a 4 point decrease in the COLA index for all of Korea due to the U.S. dollar and Korean won exchange rate fluctuation. Since the dollar has strengthened over the past two months, servicemembers are seeing the effect of the system balancing out buying power for servicemembers in Korea.

Army Safety Campaign Plan

During the first year of operations in Iraq, 422 American Soldiers died in country; of these, over 26 percent were non-combat accidents. In the past 23 years more than 7,500 Soldiers have died in accidents, compared to fewer than 600 in combat. Last year's total accidental death rate was the highest in 10 years. To combat accidental deaths, the U.S. Army has implemented the Army Safety Campaign Plan. Included in ASCP is the "Be Safe!" video that should be viewed by all Soldiers by Saturday. The video can be seen at <https://safety.army.mil/home.html>.

PCB Closure

Area II Support Activity Property Control Branch will be closed today and Monday for the training and Independence Day holiday.

176th FINCOM Services

The 176th Finance Battalion's customer service section will be closed July 9 for an organizational day. In and Out Processing stations will have limited services.

News & Notes Deadline

The deadline for submitting items for Peninsula News & Notes is Friday each week for publication the following Friday. For more information, call 738-3355 or e-mail morningcalmweekly@korea.army.mil.

Why Korea is the Duty Assignment of Choice



PHOTO BY GALEN PUTNAM

Irene Francis, lead human relations specialist at the Area IV Support Activity Civilian Personnel Action Center, provides assistance to David Parsons who works at Camp Carroll's Combat Equipment Battalion – Northeast Asia, at the facility's newly-renovated offices. The building housing CPAC and the Area IV Legal Assistance Office received a complete makeover including exterior work such as roof repairs and landscaping to interior upgrades such as new lighting, electrical outlets, heating and air conditioning as well as modern work stations according to Dean Tom, CPAC human resources officer. The project was completed ahead of schedule by the Area IV Support Activity Directorate of Public Works.

FINCOM offers information on split disbursement

175th Finance Command

YONGSAN — The split disbursement option for settling temporary duty travel vouchers has been available for use since Sept. 1, 2003. For military members with a government travel charge card this is a mandatory process.

TDY orders are required to have a statement as to whether the traveler is a government travel card holder or not. This statement will play a key role in determining if the split disbursement option is mandatory.

It is the traveler's responsibility to ensure the correct statement is on the orders. The reviewing official should verify the statement also. Incorrect or omission of the statement will force the travel section to process the settlement voucher in a manner that may delay the

traveler receiving funds due.

If the TDY orders do not state whether the traveler is a GTCC holder or not, contact the order issuing office for inclusion of the statement. If the statement is incorrect, contact the order-issuing office for correction.

The most current version of Travel Settlement voucher to use is Department of Defense form 1352-2. In block number one of this form, split disbursement requirements are specified for military members and civilians.

When a civilian traveler is a government travel card holder and the split disbursement option in block one of the DD Form 1351-2 is not completed, the charges for transportation, lodging, and rental car will be automatically disbursed to the GTCC contractor. Military personnel are required to designate an amount equal to their

outstanding GTCC balance for split disbursement to the GTCC contractor.

When performing local travel and the GTCC is used, the traveler will annotate the amount to be sent to the GTCC contractor in block 12 of the Standard Form 1164 when appropriate.

Some expenses to consider when calculating the amount to be disbursed to the GTCC contractor are; ATM advances, ATM fees, lodging, car rental, and meals incurred while on official TDY travel. ATDY traveler who is a GTCC holder is required to obtain an advance of funds via an ATM.

Advantages to utilizing the split disbursement option are; payment to the GTCC contractor is processed for the traveler, eliminates check writing or purchase of money orders, and eliminates delay of payment due to lost or late mail.

Claims: How to file a claim for loss because of flood damage

Story by Capt. Carla A. Simmons

United States Armed Forces Claims Service, Korea

YONGSAN — Flooding is a common occurrence in Korea. If servicemembers have flood damage to their privately-owned vehicle or quarters, they should contact the U.S. Armed Forces Claims Service immediately for

information about filing a claim.

It is important not to delay in order to properly document damage and ensure timely payment of proper claims. The information below provides helpful tips to settling a claim efficiently.

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beverage container is prohibited in public places unless specifically authorized by the Area III commander. Appropriate representatives of the Republic of Korea government must provide such authorization off post.

■ Sales of alcoholic beverages to intoxicated persons are prohibited in on-post establishments and off-post clubs.

■ Sales of “doubles” or other unconventional drinks obviously designed to provide high alcohol content or volume is prohibited on-post and in KSTA clubs.

The policy letter details the following procedures for enforcing and complying with the Area III alcohol policy:

■ Patrons (i.e., all USFK SOFA civilian and military personnel who enter establishments that sell and serve alcoholic beverages) will not be denied access to establishments solely on the basis of age.

■ Managers and servicing staff of all establishments are responsible for 100 percent verification of the patron’s age before serving or selling alcohol beverages.

■ Patrons will be identified whenever they order or purchase alcoholic beverages, or at any other time when the patron’s legal right to possess or consume alcohol is reasonably questioned. Patrons who desire

to order, purchase, possess, provide or consume alcoholic beverages will produce identification bearing their name, age and photograph upon demand to any of the following individuals who request documentation for the purpose of establishing age and identity: waitresses who serve alcoholic beverages; retail cashiers where alcohol is sold; club, facilities or retail managers or their designated representatives; masters of arms; officers of the day; law enforcement personnel; or other military or civilian officials.

Violation of these provisions by service members may result in nonjudicial punishment under Article 15, Uniform Code of Military Justice, for failure to obey a lawful order or regulation. To protect USFK personnel, the Camp Humphreys Armed Forces Disciplinary Board may take action to prevent USFK personnel from patronizing KSTA clubs that violate the terms of the agreement. Such action may include placing such establishments “off-limits” to USFK personnel.

The cooperative Area III-Korean community effort is expected to reduce the number of underage drinking violations.

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hand grenades, and other explosives.

“We have done well considering this is just the first couple of days doing this in Karbala,” Iliff said. “Another unit did the same program down in Najaf. They started off a little bit slow. After a couple of days the people began telling their neighbors and friends.”

Iliff said that as word got out, other residents started saying, “Hey, the Americans are giving good prices for buying back these weapons. Since we are not fighting anymore let’s sell them back.”

After gathering the weapons, Coalition forces will turn these weapons over to the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps, Iliff said. “That way the new Iraqi government doesn’t have to buy all new weapons to equip their Soldiers. (The weapons) are already here in the country. We just put them in the right hands.”

The ones that don’t work will be destroyed.

The sellers received the going rate for the class of weapon they brought in. Some weapons were worth \$300.

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What property is covered?

The claims office can compensate servicemembers for flood damage to personal property, including clothing, stereo equipment, televisions, appliances and POVs.

However, servicemembers still have a duty to mitigate their damage by salvaging as much property as possible, either by elevating it to a dry area or moving it to another facility.

For damage to government-issued equipment, such as TA-50 gear, contact respective unit supply sergeants.

What should be done before filing a claim?

Do not throw away any damaged items until claims are approved. The claims office realizes the inconvenience of holding on to wet clothes and appliances, but by keeping these items, servicemembers will ensure the best chance of receiving the maximum amount allowable for their claims.

If possible, take pictures of all damaged items and areas. Pictures will help substantiate ownership and the condition of the damaged items.

If any personal property has been washed away, make a list of those items describing

each item in detail. Servicemembers will also need to get a written statement signed by a neutral party stating he knew of the items in question.

Finally, servicemembers should make a personal list of all desired items to be claimed before going to the claims office. Doing so will enable servicemembers to fill out the necessary paperwork quickly and permit the claims office to settle claims in the shortest time possible.

Honesty is the best policy

A few people are always tempted to exaggerate the value or claim items they did not actually own. Submitting a false claim is fraud and punishable under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

The claims office has a duty to pay the proper claims of servicemembers. The claims office also has a duty to ensure suspicious claims are investigated.

For more information, contact the nearest Army claims office: Yongsan 738-8294; Camp Casey 730-1910; Camp Red Cloud 732-6017; Camp Humphreys 753-8047; and Camp Henry 768-6631.

Cavalry troopers celebrate heritage



Staff Sgt. Ralph Plates, Troop B, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, (left) leads his team to a second consecutive victory in a tug of war battle. The Soldiers spent June 25 in a day of competitions to celebrate the regiment's history.

Story, photos by David McNally
Area 1 Public Affairs Office

CAMP GARRY OWEN — Hundreds of cavalry troopers got a long overdue break June 25 to celebrate a special day in the history of their storied regiment.

"These Soldiers haven't had a day off all year," said Command Sgt. Maj. James Norman, the senior noncommissioned officer for the 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment. "They are some of the hardest working troopers on the peninsula."

On June 25, 1876, 611 Soldiers of the 7th U.S. Cavalry Regiment rode toward the banks of the Little Big Horn in the

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1st Lt. Andrew Herzberg, Troop D, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, watches the competitions from his helicopter.



Troopers quickly master the Korean traditional game of kimajun, a competition similar to capture the flag.

Left: Spc. Anthony Berry, Troop F, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, shoots and scores in a playoff match with Troop B. Berry scored 14 points on the game; however, Troop B was victorious.



Gen. George A. Custer led his 7th U.S. Cavalry troopers in the Battle of Little Big Horn June 25, 1876. Present-day cavalymen honored the event.

NEWS & NOTES

Summer Youth Program

The summer youth program is scheduled through Aug. 20 at Camp Red Cloud.
For more information, call 732-6246.

USO Bazaar

A shopping bazaar is scheduled 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Camp Casey USO. For more information, call 730-4812.

Rugby

Area I rugby practice is held 6 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at Camp Red Cloud.
For more information, call 732-8882.

Equal Opportunity Representative Course

An Equal Opportunity representative course is offered 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. July 5-16 at the Camp Red Cloud Army Community Service building, and from Aug. 2-13 at the CRC Education Center. For more information, call 732-6069.

Women's Equality Day Run

A Women's Equality Day run is scheduled 6 a.m. Aug. 25 for Area I and 2nd Infantry Division Soldiers at Camp Red Cloud.

Reunion in Korea

Reunion tour packages are scheduled Sept. 20-23 and Oct. 18-21. An airline tickets-only option is also available. For reservations and/or more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.korea.army.mil/pao/cr/reunion.htm> or call 723-3474, Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Free DMZ/JSA Tour for USFK Students

An informative summer activity is available for visiting and in-country high school and college students to learn and appreciate the U.S. military mission in Korea and America's role in Korean history. To reserve a tour seat, send e-mail to deleonc@usfk.korea.army.mil by July 26. E-mail reservation request must include full name of student; grade level; name of school; sponsor's name, unit, telephone number, and e-mail address (military e-mail address preferred). Students must have a valid U.S. military identification card or U.S. passport. For more information, call 723-4685.

EEO - POSH Training

The Equal Employment Office will conduct prevention of sexual harassment training 8 – 10 a.m. for supervisors and 10 a.m. – noon for non-supervisors Aug. 26 at the Camp Red Cloud Army Learning Center, Building S-58, Room 210.

Well-Being Council Meeting

An Area I Well-Being Council meeting will be held 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. July 12 in the Camp Red Cloud Area I Conference Room.

Garrison Change of Command

The U.S. Army Garrison, Camp Red Cloud change of command will be held 10 a.m. July 15 on the Village Green.

Open Season

The next Thrift Savings Plan open season will be Oct. 15 through Dec. 31.

eArmyU opens Area I enrollment

More Soldiers to join without full benefits

Story by David McNally

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP RED CLOUD — Soldiers seeking distance education opportunities in Area I now have more choice. The U.S. Army has opened a limited version of its eArmyU program to all active-duty Soldiers stationed in Warrior Country.

However, the slimmed-down education program does not feature a free laptop computer.

For two years, the eArmyU pilot program offered Soldiers a tuition-free college education and a laptop computer. Soldiers serviced by the Camps Casey and Hovey education centers were, and still are, the only troops eligible to join the full eArmyU program. The program is also available at a handful of stateside Army posts.

"In eArmyU, the books and tuition are free," said Stanley Schultz, an education services specialist with the Area I Education Center. "But, the eArmyU tuition rates, on average, are higher."

Schultz said a Soldier may be able to take more regular distance education

classes for less money, even though the books are not provided for free.

"There is a cap of \$4,500 in tuition costs per Soldier per fiscal year," he explained.

Because of the higher tuition costs with eArmyU, Soldiers cannot take as many classes as with traditional distance education before reaching the cap.

"It's to the Soldier's advantage if he only plans to take three or four courses per fiscal year," Schultz said. "Soldiers who take a heavier class load may be better served by regular distance education courses."

"The mission of eArmyU is to eliminate barriers with revolutionary education programs for Soldiers," said James Campbell, Area I education services officer. "With eArmyU, a Soldier has access to quality educational opportunities any time and any place."

Although officials admit the trimmed down eArmyU will not meet every Soldier's need, they said it is another option available to Soldiers to help meet educational goals.

"The Internet service fees are covered by the program," Schultz said.

"A Soldier is required to enroll in a three-

semester hour class within 90 days of entering the program."

The full eArmyU covers Internet service fees as well, but the Soldier must agree to successfully complete 12 semester hours within two years.

The eArmyU program features 29 academic institutions and offers 146 degree programs.

Schultz said although regular distance education classes offer a much wider choice of programs, the eArmyU program might be a better financial option for some Soldiers.

"Any distance education course requires more self-discipline," Schultz said. "Although distance education is not for everyone, it is a viable option to consider."

"Some Soldiers have really excelled in this program," Campbell said. "For a motivated individual, it is an outstanding opportunity."

Education officials said all eArmyU program participants need to be on their unit's order of merit list, and need the approval of their unit commander.

For more information on the program, visit the eArmyU Web site at <http://www.eArmyU.com> or visit any Area I Education Center.

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Division welcomes spiritual leader

Story, photo by David McNally

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMPRED CLOUD — The Warrior Division welcomed a new spiritual leader in a unique ceremony June 24.

Maj. Gen. John R. Wood, the commanding general of the 2nd Infantry Division, presented the mantle and symbol of the military position and religious office, the stole of the division chaplain, to Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John Alexander.

The stole is a narrow strip of cloth that many Christian ministers wear draped over both shoulders. In history, emperors and high officials wore stoles as symbols of their office and authority.

"In order to be able to fight tonight, our Soldiers must have spiritual fitness," Wood said. "They must be physically, tactically and spiritually fit."

Alexander told the Soldiers and civilians seated in the pews of the military house of worship he was thankful to have been chosen to become the 2nd Infantry Division chaplain.

"I've only been in country for two days," Alexander said. "But, I marvel at 2nd Infantry Division Soldier's poise and their confidence they seem to hold."

Alexander has held a wide variety of chaplain positions, from battalion to brigade level. He also ministered to inmates at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Alexander replaces Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Michael Tarvin, who the Army has selected for promotion to colonel. Tarvin served in Yongsan for two years as the deputy chief of chaplains for 8th U.S. Army before becoming the chaplain for the Indianhead Division. His next assignment will be at Madigan Army Medical Center, Fort Lewis, Wash., as the command chaplain.

Chaplain (Col.) Samuel Boone, 8th U.S. Army chief of chaplains, told the assembly of his long friendship with the former division chaplain, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Michael Tarvin, as he welcomed Alexander to Korea.

"I have known John Alexander from a distance," Boone said. "You're losing one great chaplain, but you're getting another."

Boone encouraged Alexander to continue to take care of Soldiers.



Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John Alexander wears the stole of the 2nd Infantry Division chaplain after receiving it in a ceremony June 24 at Camp Red Cloud.

"God will richly bless your ministry I'm sure," he said.

"I'm not sure how I come to be so blessed," Tarvin said. "I love being a chaplain and I can't imagine being anything else."

Tarvin said the ceremony was not for him or Alexander.

"We're here to convey the meaning and importance of spiritual strength in our Soldiers," Tarvin said.

Tarvin directed the chaplains and chaplain's assistants from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team to be present for the ceremony. He asked them to stand while he prayed for them. The team stands ready to deploy to Iraq later this summer.

Chaplains play a key role in providing spiritual comfort in today's Army, Wood said.

"There are a lot of conversions that happen as our Soldiers prepare for battle," Wood said. "You only have to see that once to be permanently reminded how important spiritual faith is to you."

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Officials: Warrior Independence Day to be star-studded

Where to be this holiday weekend in Area I

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP RED CLOUD — If last year's celebration is any indicator of how Warrior Country observes Independence Day, Soldiers will have a lot to do and see.

Wayne Newton and friends plan to entertain warriors in Area I, to include Soldiers of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team. Morale, Welfare and Recreation Entertainment Director John Antes said it promises to be a good show.

"Wayne always provides a great show for the Soldiers," Antes said. "This year he'll be at Rodriguez Range to do a special show for the Soldiers deploying to Iraq."

Antes said the show will feature Wayne Newton, several Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders, Comedian Lewis Dix, and Miss U.S.A. The Rodriguez Range show will begin 11:30 a.m. Sunday and will be followed by an autograph session.

Later in the day the Newton entertainers will perform at Camp

Casey's Stewart Field. That show begins 7 p.m.

Camp Casey will kick off its Independence Day celebration noon Sunday with a block party and MWR band performances. All festivities will include food, beverages, games and free entertainment.

Soldiers anxious to begin the weekend celebrations can start at Camp Stanley, where the party starts at noon today.

At Camp Stanley, there will be two bands performing: Jeff Valdez, a solo artist, and Central Sound. There will not be a fireworks display.

Officials said Stanley's celebration will feature remote control car races and spades and eight-ball tournaments.

Camp Page will begin a community celebration at 10 a.m. Saturday at the airfield with a military static display and continue at the sports complex at 12:30 p.m. Look for the bands Primal Urge and Road Crew for entertainment. Fire works begin at 9 p.m.

Rodriguez Range will host Jeff Valdez and Central Sound starting noon Saturday.

The biggest Warrior Country celebration will be at Camp Casey on Sunday. A



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Wayne Newton entertains Camp Casey crowds with the Dallas Cowboy cheerleaders.

fireworks display and the 2nd Infantry Division Band will close the evening's entertainment.

Last year, the event drew thousands of people to Camp Casey.

Camp Casey officials plan to move the celebration to one of the physical fitness centers in case of rain.



Warrior Country Soldiers and civilians cheer as Wayne Newton and friends perform at Camp Casey July 4, 2003.

Army official inspects installations

Area I Public Affairs Office

CAMP CASEY — A senior Army official visited various installations in Warrior Country Tuesday to assess living conditions and visit with Soldiers.

In Area I, Geoffrey G. Prosch, the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment, toured Camps Howze, Casey and Hovey.

Prosch is responsible for policy development, program oversight and coordination for the design,

construction, real estate, operations, maintenance and management of Army installations worldwide.

At Camp Casey, Prosch talked with senior noncommissioned officers and Soldiers while he inspected living conditions.

Later, he traveled to Camp Hovey to visit the Chairman Hobson Community Activities Center.

Prosch said he is committed to the three components of the Army vision, "Achieving a high quality of life for people through the residential

communities initiative and other infrastructure privatization programs; strengthening the Army's readiness to prevail in every mission by improving our installations' capacity for power projection and training support; and making Army transformation a reality via transformation of Installation Management and focusing on installations as flagships."

Prosch said he is dedicated to managing and expanding the Army's \$15 billion budget for maintaining and improving its installations.



PHOTO BY DAVID McNALLY

First Sgt. Derik Maull, 4th Chemical Company (left), shows Geoffrey G. Prosch, the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment, the living conditions of his Soldiers Wednesday at Camp Casey.

AAFES offers gift telephone cards

DALLAS — Soldiers and airmen stationed anywhere in the world can call home anytime with donated minutes as a result of a new decision to allow the Army and Air Force Exchange Service to sell military exchange prepaid telephone cards to anyone wishing to donate them to deployed troops.

"Sending a telephone card to deployed troops reminds them folks back home are thinking of them," said Maj. Gen. Kathryn Frost, AAFES commander.

The new 550-Unit Military Exchange prepaid telephone card, available for \$39, provides up to 140 minutes of call time from remote and austere locations throughout Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

Officials said even though the face value of domestic cards may appear higher, telephone cards sold by commercial retailers stateside provide fewer global minutes since they are designed for use only in the United States.

Frost said one of the problems with the program is so few people know about the initiative.

The cards are available to anyone that wishes to make a donation to an individual servicemember.

Cavalry

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Montana Territory. Custer's last stand became part of the history and lore of the American cavalryman.

"Today, we stand together here on this remote border camp known as Garry Owen, along the Korean demilitarized zone," Squadron Commander Lt. Col. Brian Preler told his troopers in a speech to kick off the day. "We stand as modern-day horse Soldiers and frontier cavalymen to honor those 7th U.S. Cavalry troopers that have gone before us and have followed the cavalry guidon to other remote border territories throughout the world and have served our nation with courage and distinction."

With a decree, the squadron commander opened the day of competitions.

Preler said from the guidon relay races, soccer, basketball and softball games, to a series of tug of war battles, litter carries and boxing, the intent of the day was to build teamwork and unit cohesion in the cavalymen of Camp Garry Owen.

"When we get a chance to do something like this, it's real nice," said Pfc. Brian Long, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment. "If we weren't doing this today, we'd be pulling some kind of maintenance on our tracks."

Long said Camp Garry Owen Soldiers work "pretty hard." He said, "It's good to have a break every now and then."

Members of the Camp Garry Owen Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers program coordinated the events by coming up with rules and supervising the games.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation's entertainment division set up a stage and sound system for live band performances in the afternoon.

The dining facility and a host of volunteers also barbecued steaks, hot dogs and hamburgers at a Camp Garry Owen pavilion.

"There's no other unit like this in the Army," Preler said. "It's because of the esprit de corps. We have our own camp, and we have our own mission."

Preler said the cavalry is the only unit in the division to have a mission 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. He said he always has one cavalry troop on a 30-minute recall for real-world missions.

While June 25 was the anniversary of the Battle of Little Big Horn, it was also the day in 1950 when North Korea invaded.

"The men of the 7th Cav were again called upon to do battle with the enemy in the same country we serve today," Preler said.

Pilots from Troop D, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment sat in their Kiowa Warrior OH-58 observation helicopters watching the competitions. Even as most of the squadron celebrated the day, the unit had missions to support.

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Above: Pfc. Lee Tae-kyoo (left) runs the soccerball with teammate Pfc. Jun Shin-il. Lee and Jun, both from Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, competed in the unit's organization day June 25 at Camp Garry Owen.

Left: After learning the traditional Korean game of kimajun, 4th Squadron, 7th Cavalry troopers refuse to hold back.

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Summer hire program benefits Yongsan



Samantha Perkins, a college summer hire, takes a phone call at the Equal Employment Opportunity Office.

Story by Alex Harrington and Alexander Choi
Area II Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — College students from the United States are taking advantage of a peninsulawide 8th U.S. Army-sponsored summer hire program to earn extra money to help pay for their post-secondary education.

The program helps student offset the overgrowing costs of attending private or public four-year colleges that can cost more than \$26,000 or \$17,000 per year respectively.

There are 22 college students in Area II alone, like Vita Chang, an

accounting major at PACE University, New York City, who is participating in the 8th Army’s sponsored program.

While all of the college students are earning extra money this summer through the summer hire program, most, if not all, are gaining practical skills in administration and general labor, enhancing their competitive edge when they graduate from college and search for their first entry-level job, says Chang.

“While I am earning extra money to help me pay for my studies back in New York City, I am learning basic communications skills, both written and interpersonal,” she said.

Chang also says the program is teaching her how to effectively interact with people on a professional level and helping her gain confidence to approach new people when conducting surveys throughout Area II.

Alex Choi, who is attending Florida State University, works in the Area II Public Affairs Office, and is gaining practical skills as well.

“Going into my second year as a sophomore, I decided to work in the summer hire program to learn additional administrative skills, and to become more proficient in research and gathering information,” said Choi.

Students aren’t the only ones who are benefiting from the summer hire program. The Department of Defense and government agencies are finding that college students are an additional human resource, available at a significant lower cost to the department. Students temporarily fill unmanned positions and perform additional administrative and general labor tasks not usually done because of the lack of staff.

“The agency benefits by the mere fact that it is an opportunity for managers to complete overdue projects,” said Bill Zeigler, a personnel management specialist at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center. “In addition, a college student participating in the summer hire program can temporarily fill a position that has been vacated for a long time.”

It is also the student’s first look, says Zeigler, at federal employment. “The student can gain creditable experience which can be placed on a resume for future federal employment opportunities,” he said.

“During the summer when there are a lot of shortages in staff, summer hires can mean the difference between a smooth running office and an overworked, understaffed office,” Zeigler added.

Most Area II agencies are very pleased with the program. The supervisor at the Equal Employment Office, Linda Gilmore, says that summer hires can be a great asset in the office because a student can handle tasks that are normally a burden to the regular duties of permanent staff.

“I can assign duties to a college student to help relieve a heavy work load from our full-time staff,” said Gilmore.

The benefits from working in the summer hire program far outreach many of those offered by nongovernmental organizations, says Gilmore, adding that students participating in the program gain valuable lessons that cannot be equated to a dollar amount.

“Not only do I get a paycheck for the work I do, I also receive firsthand experience in a federal work environment,” said Chang.

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New Yongsan housing facility opens

Story by Alex Harrington
Area II Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — Yongsan Garrison opened new family housing for servicemembers Monday.

“This project is the centerpiece of efforts to improve the quality of life for service members and their families ... to make Yongsan the assignment of choice,” said Col. Timothy McNulty, Area II Support Activity Commander.

Burke Towers is a multimillion dollar project to fill the need for more field-grade officer housing on Yongsan and enhance the quality of life for active-duty members serving in Korea.

The construction project began in April 2002 as a result of the need for more field-grade officer housing on Yongsan. Over the past few years there has been a steady increase in the number of field-grade officers who are granted command-sponsored tours to Korea. However, current field-grade housing is limited to 300 two-, three- and four-bedroom townhouse units on South Post.

There are more than 300 command-sponsored families living on the economy, of which are 145 field-grade officers.

“This new facility is not a total solution to the off-base housing issue, but it does avail 60 families to live on Yongsan Garrison,” said Lt. Col. Steve Roemhildt, director of public works. “The new housing facility also significantly enhances the quality of life for those 60 families.

“Other than an additional 60 spacious three-, four-, and five-bedroom apartments, Burke Tower is also equipped with gas appliances and a state-of-the-art environmental system,” said McNulty during the opening day ceremony. “And each unit has an assigned parking space and storage area in the underground parking garage, which provides security and direct access to the elevators.”

Facts and figures of Burke Towers:

- Housing complex consists of two, five-story apartment buildings
 - Two, 5-bedroom (1,978 square feet) units
 - Eighteen, 4-bedroom (1,762 square feet) units
 - Forty, 3-bedroom (1,573 square feet) units
- Each building is equipped with four elevators, a fire sprinkler and alarm system.
- Each apartment unit controls its own heating and cooling



Family members of Maj. Chris Bland, Korean Service Corps Battalion executive officer, enjoy family time in the newly-built apartment.

and has telephone, cable television, and Internet connections.

■ Apartments also will be equipped with all new furniture and appliances installed by the Area II housing office.

For more information about Burke Towers contact the housing office at 738-3211.

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Softball Tournament

Yongsan Sports will conduct an intramural softball tournament today - Monday. The tournament is open to the first 16 intramural softball teams from Area II. For more information, call 736-7746.

Road Closure

Gate 8 will be closed to vehicle traffic 9 p.m. - 6 a.m. Tuesday. The pedestrian gate hours on that gate will remain normal.

Women's Summer Bible Study and Fellowship

There are Protestant Women of the Chapel and Military Council of Catholic Women for worship, bible study and fellowship meetings 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Wednesdays. They begin Wednesday - Aug. 4 at South Post Chapel. For more information, call 02-796-5982.

Hazardous Waste Handler's Training

The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Prevention Medicine Pacific will conduct a two-day course for hazardous materials and hazardous waste handler's training with a Korean interpreter 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. July 13 - 14 at Building 2259, Room 223. For more information, call 724-5008.

Community Health Care Forum

There will be a community health care forum 10 a.m. July 16 at the main conference room of the Army Community Services Building. For more information, call 737-3045.

American Red Cross

There are immediate openings for the following leadership positions within the American Red Cross Volunteer Program. The following courses are scheduled for the month of June.

■ Baby-sitting 9 a.m. - noon. July 16 - 17.

■ ARC Orientation 10 a.m. - noon July 19.

For more information, call 738-3760.

U.S. Army Recruitment

A Warrant Officer Recruiting Team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Kentucky will brief on qualifications and application procedures to applicants interested in becoming U.S. Army warrant officers. Recruitment will be 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Wednesday - Friday and July 16 at the Multipurpose Training Facility. For more information, call 723-5558.

National Kids' Day

Area II will celebrate National Kids' Day 1 - 4 p.m. Aug. 1 at the Seoul American Elementary School. For more information, call 738-5556.

American Forces Spouses' Club

The American Forces Spouses' Club is seeking organization or clubs who would be interested in setting up an information table at its annual welcome and sign-up reception. The welcome and sign-up reception will be 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Aug. 31 at Dragon Hill Lodge. For more information, call 736-8119.

SNGC Nominations

Sung Nam Golf Club is seeking nominations for six at-large members. Candidates must be advanced green fee members. Nominations are open to active-duty, DOD civilians or family members. Please submit a short profile that includes name, membership number, contact information and short statement for wanting to serve on the council. For more information, call 738-7446.

LaPorte speaks to SCRA



PHOTO BY PVT. HWANG DONG-HYUN

Gen. Leon J. LaPorte, commander of United Nations Command, Combined Forces Command and U.S. Forces Korea, speaks before members from the local Signal Corps Regimental Association at the Dragon Hill Lodge June 23. LaPorte acknowledged the signal community's contributions to the combined force in Korea, as well as providing peace and security on the peninsula.

Signal Brigade establishes help center

Story by Sgt. Donald Smith

1st Signal Brigade Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — “We are up and running to assist all United States Forces Korea customers throughout the whole peninsula with all their network problems...from e-mail account problems to Internet issues,” says Capt. Dallas Powell, 169th Signal Company commander who heads the new Korea Theater Support Center, a 24-hour technical help desk created to help USFK computers users in Areas I, II, III and IV.

When finished, the new Korea Theater Support Center will have cost 1st Signal Brigade nearly \$1 million to offer a long-term solution to information management and customer support.

Located in 1st Signal Brigade's Theater Network Operations and Security Center, the KTSC can assist customers with e-mail account problems, Internet issues, local area network installation, and basically any network or information management problem that occurs, says 1st Lt. Ryan Renken, operations officer in charge, 169th Signal Company, 36th Signal Battalion.

“The Korea Theater Support Center is an example of how 1st Signal Brigade is trying to meet the Army's trend toward centralization in information management,” said Renken.

Because of to the migration of personnel e-mail accounts from the USFK domain to the centralized Korea domain, KTSC is troubleshooting many phone calls related to the migration.

“Currently, technicians are seeing a lot of calls related to the migration to the Korea servers ... a move that consolidates USFK e-mail accounts from several servers in three domains to one domain,” said Renken. “Our folks at the help desk are actively involved to ensure the migrations go smoothly as possible. Usually, a team

of technicians will visit a migrated unit the day after the event, and look for any problems that might have occurred.”

The 169th commander gave his bail that his staff will handle all customer calls with excellent customer service and expeditiously resolve user's technical issues in five minutes or less. However, there are some problems, he says, that may take awhile.

“Although the Korea Theater Support Center's goal is to have issues resolved or forwarded to the appropriate place in five minutes or less, some types of problems can take awhile,” said Powell. “An account reset is one minute, compared to an Internet installation issue that may take sometime to resolve, depending on the size of the job and where the job is located.”

The KTSC will handle many trouble calls through their recently installed IBM system—Tivoli System Automation. This system, says Powell, will allow KTSC technicians to, remotely fix most issues.

“Many trouble tickets, which are problem reports submitted to the KTSC, will be handled through a recently installed IBM innovation, known as Tivoli System Automation. This is a systems management tool that, among other things, will allow KTSC technicians to fix most problems remotely. If, however, we cannot fix it at our end, we will then forward the trouble call to either 36th Signal Battalion or 41st Signal Battalion,” he said.

Powell added, “The 36th will give customer support in Areas III and IV, and 41st will do the same in Areas I and II.”

The new million-dollar service is located near Daegu, and will give around-the-clock technical support for all USFK computer users throughout the peninsula.

For help, just dial 8324 (TECH), for e-mail or Internet problems for 24-hour technical support. For more information, contact Renken at 764-4433.

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Band leader recognized



PHOTO BY SGT. LISA JENDRY

Members of the 8th U.S. Army Band practice their trade at Knight Field. A plaque of appreciation was presented recently to Chief Warrant Officer Stephen L. Campbell, commander of the band, by the mayor of Yongsan-gu. The plaque was given recognition of his service from March 2000 through June 2004.

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■ Seoul City Night Tour – 3:45 - 10 p.m. Saturday.

■ Incheon Pottery Tour – 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday.

■ Panmunjon (DMZ) and Tunnel – 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday.

■ Cultural Tour – 8:40 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

■ Lotte World Amusement Park – 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. July 9.

For more information, call the Seoul USO office at 02-792-3380.

Royal Asiatic Tour

■ Kumosan and Palgongsan Provincial Park Tour July 24 - 25.

■ Cholla-Do Tour: Pyonsan Bando National Park, Tamyang Bamboo Museum and Pagoda Valley July 10 - 11.

■ Island Hopping Tour to Chawol-Do. July 17.

■ Island Hopping Tour to Tokchko-Do July 18.

Call 02-763-9483 for more information about Royal Asiatic Society events.

Entertainment

■ Summer Night Jazz - Ronn Branton Jazz Quartet will perform 7:30 p.m. July 10 at the Seoul Arts Center. For more information, call 02-888-2698.

■ Great Mountain Music Festival will be held at Yongpyong Ski Resort July 24 - Aug 8. For more information, call 02-724-7781.

■ Ice ballet Nutcracker will perform at the Sejong Center Monday and Tuesday 3 p.m., 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 3 p.m., 6 p.m. July 31 -

Aug 3. For more information, call 02-3472-4480.

■ The musical Beauty and the Beast will be performed at the LG Arts Center 8 p.m. Monday-Friday, 3 p.m. Saturday, 8 p.m. Sunday, 2 p.m., 7 p.m. Aug. 8. For more information, call 02-2005-0114.

■ The Mozart Festival will be held 3 p.m. July 31 at the Seoul Arts Center. For more information, call 02-523-8702.

■ 2004 World Ballet Star Gala Performance will be held 7:30 p.m. Aug 7 - 8 at the Seoul Arts Center. For more information, call 2020-1620.

8th PERSCOM welcomes new commander

Story by Sgt. 1st Class Patrica Johnson

8th PERSCOM Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — Col. Michael J. Harris assumed command over 8th Personnel Command in a change of command ceremony held on Knight Field June 22.

During the ceremony Harris conveyed that he will continue to promote commitment, dedication and professionalism, not only from his Soldiers, but himself also.

“To the Soldiers, both KATUSA and U.S., of 8th PERSCOM on the field — you look great,” said Harris. “And to the senior leaders, staff noncommissioned officers, family members and DoD civilians, I pledge my total commitment, dedication and professionalism.”

Harris also said that 8th PERSCOM will continue to provide excellent customer service to U.S. Forces Korea personnel.

Lt. Gen. Charles Campbell, 8th U.S. Army commander, presided over the change of command ceremony and welcomed the new commander.

“I congratulate Colonel Harris on his new command and I am confident that he will command 8th PERSCOM with selfless dedication and commitment,” said Campbell.

Col. Richard Mustion, out-going commander, will assume his new duty position as the military assistant to the principal deputy under secretary of defense for personnel and readiness in Washington D.C.

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PHOTO BY SGT. 1ST CLASS PATRICA JOHNSON

Col. Michael J. Harris accepts the 8th PERSCOM colors and command from Lt. Gen. Charles Campbell as Command Sgt. Maj. Carlos Martinez-Rivera, (left) and Col. Richard P. Mustion look on.

Counsel outlines political limits for Army personnel

Story by Courtney Hickson

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — As the 2004 election draws closer, Soldiers and Army employees face restrictions on political activities different from those, which apply to the general public. Violating those restrictions could result in termination of employment or other penalties, officials said.

Federal and state employees fall under the guidelines of the Hatch Act and its amendments. Political restrictions for Soldiers are detailed in Army Regulation 600-20, Army Command Policy.

"The statutory and regulatory guidance pertaining to the political activities of Soldiers and government employees is difficult to summarize in a short news article," said Maj. John Muehlheuser from the General Law Branch, Administrative Law Division, Office of The Judge Advocate General. He emphasized that all Soldiers and government employees should consult the statutes and regulations applicable to their specific situation before participating in political activities.

Legal restrictions are placed upon Department of Defense personnel because they are public servants. Also, there is a long-standing DoD policy that DoD personnel acting in their official

capacity may not engage in activities that associate DoD with any partisan political campaign or election, candidate, cause or issue.

Among other restrictions, federal employees may not solicit or receive political contributions or engage in political activity while on duty in a government office, while wearing an official uniform or driving a government vehicle.

Additionally, many federal and state employees are not permitted to run in a partisan election. According to the Office of the Special Counsel Web site, the process for running for this type of election begins when the candidate begins to collect signatures, schedules fundraisers, files a nominating petition, makes an announcement to the press or puts a campaign committee together.

Under the provisions of Army Regulation 600-20, paragraph 5-3, a Soldier on active duty may not participate in partisan political management, campaigns, or conventions, including the solicitation of votes or political contributions for a particular candidate or issue.

Muehlheuser said changes in the duty status of National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers change the rules applicable to their political activities. For example, Soldiers ordered to extended active duty must adhere to additional

restrictions on political activities. Muehlheuser said requests for guidance on political activities issues have been more prevalent over the last year or two as a result of mobilizations to help fight the Global War on Terrorism.

"This office will prosecute Hatch Act violations in an even-handed and vigorous fashion," in a press release, Special Counsel Scott J. Bloch stated. "As we enter the 2004 national election cycle, it is important for federal employees to be well aware of the prohibitions on partisan candidacy, coercion of partisan support and political activity while on the job."

While the Hatch Act applies to federal employees, an employee's conduct is also subject to the laws of the state and the regulations of the employing agency.

The Army Materiel Command Web site states while on active duty, a Soldier may do the following:

1. Register, vote, and express a personal opinion on political candidates and issues as a private citizen, but not as a representative of the armed forces;
2. Promote and encourage other Soldiers to exercise their voting franchise so long as it does not constitute an attempt to influence or interfere with the outcome of an election;
3. Join a political club and attend its meetings when not in uniform;
4. Serve as an election official if such

service is not as a representative of a partisan political party, does not interfere with military duties, is performed while out of uniform, and has the approval of the installation commander;

5. Sign a petition for specific legislative action or a petition to place a candidate's name on an official election ballot so long as the signing does not obligate the Soldier to engage in partisan political activity and is done as a private citizen and not as a representative of the Armed Forces;

6. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper expressing the Soldier's personal views on public issues or political candidates, if such action is not part of an organized letter-writing campaign or concerted solicitation of votes for or against a political party or partisan political cause or candidate;

7. Make monetary contributions to a political organization, party or committee favoring a particular candidate or slate of candidates subject to statutory dollar limitations;

8. Display a political sticker on the Soldier's private vehicle. Government employees with questions regarding the propriety of prospective political activities, or concerns about possible violations, can contact the Hatch Act Hotline at the U.S. Office of Special Counsel, 1-800-854-2824 or e-mail: HATCHACT@OSC.GOV or www.osc.gov.

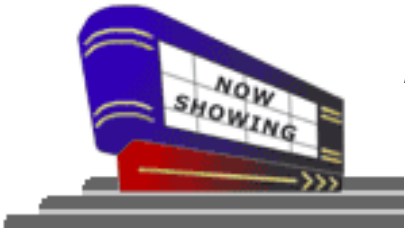
Members of the Army may also contact their installation legal office for assistance.

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July 9-15



Location Phone No.	July 9	July 10	July 11	July 12	July 13	July 14	July 15
Casey 730-7354	Man on Fire	Man on Fire	Dodgeball	Dodgeball	The Terminal	The Terminal	13 Going on 30
Essayons 732-9008	No Show	The Punisher	No Show	Envy	Garfield: The Movie	No Show	Ella Enchanted
Garry Owen 734-2509	No Show	Garfield: The Movie	Kill Bill Vol. 2	Kill Bill Vol. 2	Ella Enchanted	No Show	Ella Enchanted
Greaves 734-8388	Garfield: The Movie	Kill Bill Vol. 2	Garfield: The Movie	No Show	No Show	Ella Enchanted	Envy
Henry 768-7724	Kill Bill Vol. 2	Garfield: The Movie	Laws of Attraction	Man on Fire	No Show	No Show	No Show
Humphreys 753-7716	Dodgeball	Dodgeball	Dodgeball	Laws of Attraction	Laws of Attraction	Man on Fire	The Terminal
Hialeah 763-370	Garfield: The Movie	Johnson Family Vacation	Kill Bill Vol. 2	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
Hovey 730-5412	13 Going on 30	Dodgeball	The Terminal	Laws of Attraction	Dodgeball	Laws of Attraction	Man on Fire
Howze 734-5689	Johnson Family Vacation	The Punisher	Connie and Carla	No Show	No Show	No Show	Dodgeball

The Day After Tomorrow



Garfield's owner takes in sweet but dimwitted pooch Odie, turning Garfield's world upside down. Garfield wants only one thing: Odie out of his home & life! But when the pup is kidnapped by a nasty dog trainer, Garfield, for the first time in his life, feels responsible and springs into action to return the pup.


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The Punisher



FBI undercover agent, Castle, is finally moving into a safe desk job, to the delight of his wife and son. But when his family is executed after witnessing a mafia hit, Castle dons a black battle suit, arms himself with a ton of guns, and seeks swift revenge.

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Location Phone No.	July 2	July 3	July 4	July 5	July 6	July 7	July 8
Kunsan 782-4987	Shrek 2	Shrek 2	The Terminal	No Show	Envy	Kill Bill Vol. 2	Kill Bill Vol. 2
Long 721-3407	No Show	No Show	Hellboy	The Girl Next Door	No Show	No Show	No Show
Osan 784-4930	Dodgeball	Dodgeball	Ella Enchanted	Envy	Envy	Kill Bill Vol. 2	The Terminal
Page 721-5499	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show	No Show
Red Cloud 732-6620	Garfield: The Movie	Kill Bill Vol. 2	Kill Bill Vol. 2	Ella Enchanted	Envy	No Show	Dodgeball
Stanley 732-5565	Kill Bill Vol. 2	Kill Bill Vol. 2	Envy	Ella Enchanted	No Show	Dodgeball	Dodgeball
Yongsan I 738-7389	Dodgeball	Dodgeball	The Terminal	The Terminal	Kill Bill Vol. 2	Kill Bill Vol. 2	Kill Bill Vol. 2
Yongsan II 738-7389	Ella Enchanted	Ella Enchanted	Home on the Range	Home on the Range	Envy	Envy	Envy
Yongsan III 738-7389	Ella Enchanted	Ella Enchanted	Home on the Range	Home on the Range	Johnson Family Vacation	Johnson Family Vacation	Johnson Family Vacation

Chaplain's corner: Shattered dreams a reminder to have faith

By Chaplain (Capt.) Gina D. Rochelle
702nd Main Support Battalion

CAMP CASEY — “You are on orders to deploy!” As Soldiers, we live everyday with the idea of being deployed somewhere in the world.

Dreams of going home to be with family or changing duty stations will all have to wait just a little while longer. Maybe you are a spouse reading this article and you may be saying we had plans of moving back home, starting our family or we just got married and now he’s leaving. Shattered dreams! That’s what I call them.

Dreams are defined as strongly desired

goals or purposes. Your plans, dreams, goals have now been shattered. What is the purpose of shattered dreams? They help us to grow spiritually. They help us to realize that although we make plans we are not the final authority. There is someone greater than you and I that control our lives.

A story from the Holy Scriptures, the Book of Ruth reminds me of several people who experienced shattered dreams.

Naomi returned home bitter and for a while. She even changed her name to “Mara” which means bitter. Naomi did not know that God had great plans for her future.

Naomi lost a husband, two sons and a daughter-in-law and later was blessed with

a new family that brought her an everlasting joy.

Ruth, who the book is named after, lost a husband and gained a husband and a child. Her later days were better than her former days.

God took their shattered dreams and made something great out of them. Just as Naomi experienced her dreams being shattered, we too, at times will experience shattered dreams. Let me remind you that shattered dreams will come but when they come remember to hold on to your faith. God will get you through them.

We see by this story that their dreams were shattered and in return they

received God’s best. God had a purpose for Naomi and Ruth.

His plans exceeded their expectations. God has a purpose in everything that we do in life. To receive God’s best for us, we will experience shattered dreams.

I suggest to those who may be experiencing a shattered dream, be encouraged. Don’t give up and don’t give in. Shattered dreams can help you on your spiritual journey. Allow them to give you a new identity, a new appetite and new power. Be encouraged your shattered dream is God’s unexpected pathway to everlasting joy.

Area I Worship Services									
<u>Distinctive Faith Group Services</u>			<u>Protestant</u>			<u>ROK/KATUSA Services</u>			
<u>Islamic Prayers</u>	Fri 1 p.m.	DISCOM Chapel	Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Happy Mountain Chapel	Monday	7 p.m.	Howze Chapel	
<u>COGIC</u>	Sun 12:30 p.m.	Warrior Chapel		9:30 a.m.	DISCOM Chapel		7 p.m.	Castle Chapel	
<u>Eucharistic Episcopal</u>	Sun 5:30 p.m.	Stanley Chapel		9:30 a.m.	Essayons Chapel	Tuesday	7 p.m.	Stone Chapel	
<u>Latter-day Saints</u>	Sun 1 p.m.	Crusader Chapel		10:30 a.m.	Kyle Chapel	Wednesday	7 p.m.	Hovey Chapel	
				11 a.m.	Warrior Chapel	Thursday	6:30 p.m.	DISCOM Chapel	
				11 a.m.	Howze Chapel		7 p.m.	Stone Chapel	
				11 a.m.	Hovey Chapel	Sunday	1 p.m.	DISCOM Chapel	
Daily	11:45 a.m.	Stanley Chapel		11a.m.	Stanley Chapel		6 p.m.	Warrior Chapel	
	11:45 a.m.	Stone Chapel		11a.m.	Crusader Chapel		7 p.m.	Stanley Chapel	
Saturday	6 p.m.	Stanley Chapel		noon	Castle Chapel				
Sunday	9 a.m.	Warrior Chapel		1 p.m.	Jackson Chapel				
	9 a.m.	Howze Chapel							
	9:30 a.m.	Hovey Chapel							
	10:30 a.m.	DISCOM Chapel							
	11 a.m.	Essayons Chapel							
	noon	Crusader Chapel							
	noon	Stone Chapel							

Parenting can be hard...



...it's harder when done alone

Story, photos by Sgt. Andrew Kosterman
Korea Region Public Affairs Office

YONGSAN — It's 7 p.m. on an already cooling Thursday. As the children get ready to leave the classroom, they sing one last song. Holding hands with one another, the rock back and forth from left to right in a circle, joyfully belting out tunes that make each other smile.

Echoing off the walls, the last notes of the song are followed by laughter and smiles of little girls.

"OK, everybody take your seats!" says a voice above all the noise.

Within seconds the once motley group of sugar, spice and everything nice has become a quiet group of smiles.

"Ms. Johnson, may we go?" interrupts the silence.

"After you clean up," replies the strong, yet maternal voice.

The classroom is quickly cleaned and soon the girls of this Girl Scout troop are out the door. They are followed by Ms. Johnson and her daughter, Candice.

Ms. Johnson, otherwise known as Staff Sgt. Candy Johnson, a taskings noncommissioned officer at U.S. Army Troop Command, has just completed another time-crunched day.

"The biggest challenges I face are that there is never enough time to do things," she said.

Some of those things include working towards a bachelor's degree in history, volunteering with the Girl Scouts and being a nurturing parent to her daughter.

Doing all this isn't different for the 11.9 million single parents out there. What makes Johnson an exception is not she's a single parent who is in the military. It's that she has managed to couple those challenges with something many would never contemplate — being a single parent overseas.

"We are limited to only a certain amount of things

and places that we can go," said the Korea-stationed parent.

To cope with the challenges put before them, Johnson has set aside "family time" at the end of each week for her and her daughter to spend time together.

"This gives us both something to look forward to at the end of the week," said Johnson.

While Johnson and daughter lean on each other for support, some here rely on other sources for assistance.

For single parents in Korea, child daycare is among the top priorities. The Child Development Center is one of the places that parents turn to.

"We have approximately 150 families enrolled in

the program," said Claudette S. Mohn, director of the center. "About 5 to 7 percent of the families are single parents."

Claudette said the parents she has worked with in the program don't seem to have problems being in overseas.

"They are prompt in taking care of their child's needs and submitting required documents such as Family Care Plans," said Mohn.

Mohn said the command support can make or break a single parent.

Johnson added her own take on the command support.

"It helps to have a supportive chain of command," said Johnson. "If a Soldier does what they are supposed to do, there usually aren't any problems."

Situations can vary from person to person though, said Johnson. Being a Soldier with more rank can have its privileges.

Regardless of the situation, servicemembers need a support system.

"I have an extremely great support system with my friends," said Johnson. "I never have a problem finding someone to help me out when I go on exercises or duty."

It is this support system that helps Johnson out now would be there in the event a noncombatant evacuation operation took place.

"It (a NEO) would disrupt our family schedule," said Johnson. "I think my mother and daughter would be able to adjust."

NEOs evacuate personnel that are nonessential to the war fight, such as family members, from combat zones.

While the thought of an all out war on the Korean peninsula hangs in the balance of dignitaries, the possibility of a NEO hasn't affected the Johnsons yet, and they hope it never will.



Staff Sgt. Candy Johnson (above) and her daughter, Candice, 10, at a Girl Scout meeting.



Pool Tournament

Yongsan will be having an 8-ball tournament at the Community Activities Building July 10-11. Call 725-6070 for more information.

Battle of the Bands Contest

Yongsan will be the site of a battle of the bands contest July 24. Call 723-8502 or 723-8510 for more information.

Weight Loss Support Group

Yongsan Weight Support Group is now accepting new members. The group is a free weight loss support group offering exercise and workout options, healthy eating support and weight loss support. E-mail nannyhere@yahoo.com or call 011-9699-7064 for membership information.

Bowling Bucks

Throughout July, earn "Bowling Bucks" with every purchase of \$5 or more at local bowling centers in Area I. Prizes include 36-inch Striker Dolls or seven-day resort vacation package. For more information contact a local bowling center.

Yongsan Batting Cage Championships

Now is the time for softball players to hone their batting skills at the Family Fun Park Batting Cages. Cash prizes will be offered to first and second place male and female batting champions in youth and adult divisions. The concept is simple. Just visit the batting cages between now and the Aug. 28 championships to practice hitting targets on the fence. For more information, call 738-4190.

Auto Show

The Yongsan Auto Crafts Center will conduct an Auto Show on Sept. 18. The show will feature a variety of cars competing for bragging rights and cash prizes in the categories of best paint, interior, engine compartment and best overall. This event will feature lots of food, music, prize drawings and vendors. Participants from all over the peninsula are invited to bring their car and compete. For more information, call 738-5315 or 738-5419

Tour Programs

Camp Red Cloud Community Activity Center is offering various tour programs for the Independence Day weekends. Saturday there will be deep sea fishing tour 6 a.m. and full day Seoul City Tour 10 a.m. On Monday, participants can enjoy the Everland amusement park, and Caribbean Bay. Bus departs at 9 a.m. For more information, call 732- 6246

Fit Club offers motivation, support to healthful hopefuls

Story by Laurel Baek

Area IV MWR Marketing

CAMP WALKER – Achieving good health and fitness doesn't mean diving into the wallet and shelling out big bucks for the latest, greatest supplements, pills and miracle exercise gadgets. It's a lifelong commitment that can be achieved only through proper nutrition and physical activity.

Unfortunately, good intentions don't spell success when deciding to shape up.

Fitness is like a puzzle that requires multiple pieces to create an image, in this case, the image a person has of themselves.

It's a careful balance of nutrition, exercise, planning, goal setting, attitude and support that together create positive results.

To assist community members in achieving their goals, the Kelly Fitness Center staff on Camp Walker has created "Fit Club," a forum enabling participants at any level of fitness to maximize their potential through information sharing, instruction and member support systems.

"It's not enough to teach someone how to use weight equipment then send them off thinking that's all it takes. If someone is working toward weight loss goals for example, it's important for them to know that diet and nutrition have the greatest impact on their results," says Darryl Chandler, Kelly Fitness Center director, "and with all the fad diets out there, people need solid, scientific information on which to base their choices."

When new members sign up for Fit Club, they're given a complete health assessment, a workout plan and a journal to track progress.

By recording their activities and eating habits they can identify strengths and weaknesses and capitalize on them by adjusting their plan.

"Statistics show that people who record the details of their workouts and nutritional habits are 80 percent more likely to meet or exceed their goals, and maintain those achievements over the long term," said Chandler.

Members also attend weekly classes where they have a chance to learn from guest speakers such as dieticians and personal trainers offering tips on everything from training strategies and goal setting to technique and motivation.

After the meetings, new members are grouped with others as a method of providing ongoing support, and each team is assigned a leader responsible for organizing the group and keeping it together.

"We get together and plan our workouts for the week. Some days it's aerobics, others weight training, but we're always there to inspire one another and keep each other going," said one member. "It's easier to get to the gym when you know someone is relying on you to be there and cheering you on through the process."

Fit Club meets 6 p.m. every Monday at the Walker indoor pool patio area. For more information or to sign up, call 764-4800.

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Independence Day Events — Koreawide

Installations throughout the peninsula are hosting a variety of Independence Day activities. Some of these events include:

followed by a basketball tournament, sand pit volleyball and a boxing event.

Area I

■ Sunday — Wayne Newton will perform 7 p.m. at Camp Casey.

■ Saturday — Various events will be held at Kelly Field and Gym and YS Court.

■ Other events are scheduled through out Area I. See the related story on Page 7.

Area II/Yongsan

■ Sunday — Carnival, games for children and adults, and contests.

■ Sunday — Fireworks display 9 p.m., softball Field 5.

■ Sunday — Performances by D'arcy Park & Wildheart Band, La Orquesta Esencia (Latin Musical Band), local youth performances and the 8th U.S. Army Band.

Area III

■ Sunday — Festivities will begin in the vicinity of the Nitewatch Club. There will be games, prizes and sports competitions. Festivities will be followed by a fireworks display at 9 p.m..



■ Saturday — Wayne Newton will perform 7:30 p.m. at Kelly Field.

■ Saturday — There will be a fireworks display 9:30 p.m. at the post exchange parking lot.

Camp Hialeah

■ Sunday — There will be raquetball and tennis doubles tournaments. A softball tournament will be held 1 p.m. at Custer Field.

■ Sunday — Entertainment can be found at the pool where a disc jockey will entertain patrons starting at noon.

Area IV

■ Check Page 25 for more information on Independence Day festivities in Area IV.

Many other activities and tours are on through out the July 4 weekend at installations across the peninsula. For more information, call Morale,

Camp Walker

■ Saturday — There will be a fun run beginning 7:30 a.m.

Welfare and Recreation or the respective area public affairs office.



Humphreys community gets glimpse of the future

Plenty of present-day issues also discussed at well-attended town hall meeting

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS – Questions began flying like bullets about an hour into the town hall held Tuesday at Camp Humphreys.

After a detailed presentation about the future of Camp Humphreys, Area III Commander Col. Michael J. Taliento Jr. opened the discussion to questions from community members at the first town hall meeting since he assumed command of Area III about a month ago.

As he got an earful of issues, Capt. Angela Greenewald from the Area III Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobility and Security, or DPTMS, wrote them all down on an easel pad.

There were issues affecting just about everyone. Someone couldn't get a baby carriage through the security turnstile at the walk-through gate. Wasn't there something to be done about the garbage piling up in off-post areas where military personnel live? We need more buses and taxis and longer gas station hours. The list of concerns was long.

Those issues and questions didn't whiz aimlessly by. For Taliento, they were right on target. Problems and solutions are exactly what he is looking for, and he didn't dodge them.

As Greenewald jotted down issues for follow-up action by the Area III Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobility and Security, Area III directorate and community leaders seated at tables arranged into a 20-foot-wide "U" in the middle of the town hall meeting scribbled on notepads for follow-through at their respective directorate or staff section. They were getting into the fight.

In Taliento terminology, getting into "the fight" means getting involved in the thick of action to improve Area III.

"I've been here nearly a month and I've been out talking to Soldiers, talking to commanders, talking to leaders in the community, talking to families and learning about the (Camp Humphreys) environment," Taliento said, at the beginning of the meeting. "I want to share with you my vision and my commitment and how we plan to fight and win."

He began listing key elements of the Area III battle plan.

"We are going to create 'The Soldier's Post' and bring families, a place where children can get educated, where U.S. civilian employees, Korean national

employees and the Republic of Korea and U.S. armies can grow, prosper, prepare for combat and prepare for war," Taliento said. "At the same time, we're going to create an optimal family environment. We have a lot of those elements in place. We're going to keep working to make them better.

"Is everything working perfectly? No, but you have my commitment and my staff's commitment that if something is broke, we're going to work to fix it. I can't fix it if I don't know about it," he said.

Good communications, said Taliento, is key.

"To fight and win, we need to communicate aggressively with commanders, Soldiers, employees and family members," he said. "We are going to develop a cycle of information sharing."

The cycle of information will include:

- A leader's information management meeting will be held the first Tuesday of each month to reply to action items from town hall meetings and disseminate command information. The meeting will be attended by unit commanders, sergeants major and first sergeants, as well as family readiness groups and post council leaders.

- A newcomers briefing held the second Tuesday of each month to welcome newcomers and families. The goal is to establish a positive first impression and introduce community leaders.

- A town hall meeting will be held quarterly on the third Tuesday of August, November, February and May to put out command information and receive input and concerns from community members.

- A monthly DPTMS operations training meeting will be held jointly the fourth Tuesday of each month with tenant unit S-3 personnel and others who need to be in the fight. The purpose of the meeting is to share information about organizational and training events and to synchronize short and long-range installation calendar events.

Other information-sharing methods will be employed, including a community master planning calendar that will show timelines and key events; electronic information marquees at key high-traffic areas to supplement information already on electronic bulletin boards on post; and a detailed installation map showing key locations will be included in newcomer packets and posted at bus stops and other high-use places.

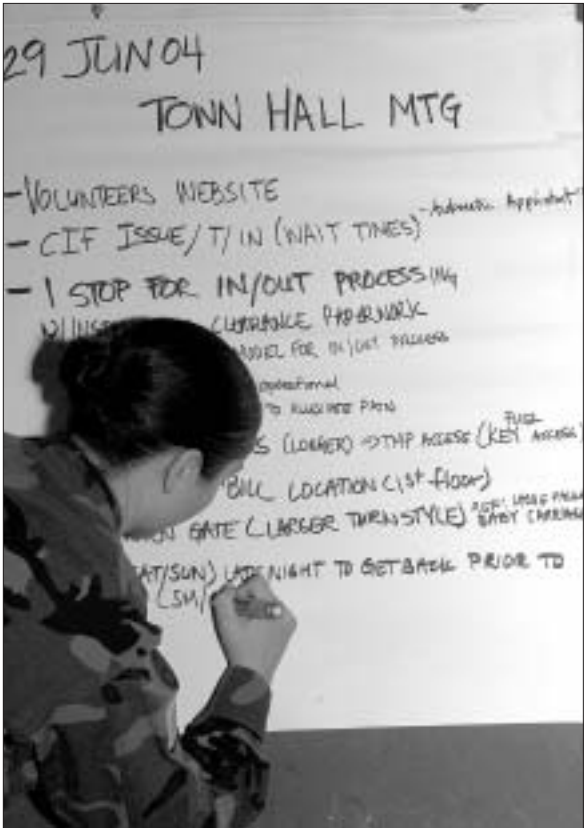
Taliento asked community members for patience as future plans are developed.



Area III Commander Col. Michael J. Taliento Jr. fields questions.



Stacey Meyer asks about school playground improvements.



Capt. Angela Greenewald writes down issues discussed at the Camp Humphreys town hall meeting June 29.

The shape of things to come

- Camp Humphreys will more than double in size and triple in population.
- A one-stop in- and out-processing center is planned.
- The main and CPX gates will be upgraded.
- The new commissary and parking area will open around June next year.
- A children's learning area is planned at the post library.
- Barracks upgrades will continue for unaccompanied Soldiers, including two high-rise barracks and a large dining facility presently under construction at Zoekler Station.
- More family housing will be built.
- A used car lot is planned to help Soldiers buy and sell privately owned vehicles.
- New roads and warehouse facilities will be built.
- A 1.8-mile fitness running trail will be built. In the meantime, some streets may be closed during unit PT time.
- Sports fields near Beacon Hill and an aquatic park near the Nitewatch are in the works.

"I don't come to the fight carrying a bag of money. I have to stand in line with everyone else," he said. "But we are going to work on the things we can and I invite your input."

At the end of the meeting, he and Area III directors had plenty to start with.

Reaction to the town hall was generally positive.

Lt. Col. Jerald L. Phifer, who assumed command of the 527th Military Intelligence Battalion a month ago, said he was "very pleased" with Taliento's efforts so far.

"He's been here in our spaces several times to address issues and engage our staff," said Phifer. He credited Command Sgt. Maj.

David J. Thomas and 527th Military Intelligence Battalion Family Readiness Group leader Stacey Meyer for involving the unit's large turnout at the town hall meeting.

Family member Pam McCree said, "It's exciting to see the exchange of wonderful ideas."

Staff Sgt. Jerry Flowers, from Detachment B, 176th Finance Command, said he found the meeting to be "very informative" because it focused on such unaccompanied Soldier issues as bus schedules and barracks utility outages.

"I can take back a lot of information and now I know where to send my Soldiers to get help," said Flowers.

NEWS & NOTES

July Fourth Traffic Changes

Perimeter Road will be closed Sunday, July 4 from the main gate to the CPX gate from 10 a.m. until the end of Freedom Fest. Shuttle buses will run as scheduled except will be suspended during the fireworks show.

CPX Gate Closure

The Camp Humphreys CPX gate will close 10 p.m. July 9 and reopen 6 a.m. July 12. All vehicle traffic may enter through the Camp Humphreys main gate during these construction periods.

Volunteer nominations

Nominate the Area III Outstanding Volunteer of The Quarter. Deadline July 9. Pick up a nomination form at the Camp Humphreys Army Community Service, Building 311. For more information, call Volunteer Coordinator Aggie Rodriguez at 753-8294 or e-mail rodriguezam@korea.army.mil

Welcome Briefing

The next Area III Newcomers Briefing will be July 13 at the Camp Humphreys Community Activities Center. For more information, call 753-6901.

Spouse Orientation about the Republic

A two-day Spouse Orientation to the Republic workshop will be held from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. July 26-27 at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation conference room in Building 252 at Camp Humphreys. The workshop covers community resources and Korean customs, culture and language. For more information, call 753-8782.

Lotte World Shopping Tour

A Lotte World shopping tour will leave from the Camp Humphreys walk-through gate 8:30 a.m. July 17. An experienced guide will teach participants to use the public transportation system to get to Lotte World, a popular Seoul shopping area. For more information, call Young Hui Straughan at 753-8782.

English teachers wanted

The Pyeongtaek City mayor is seeking Soldiers, civilians and KATUSA volunteers to teach English classes at Pyeongtaek City Hall. Volunteers are also needed to teach children and adults at other locations nearby. For more information, call at 753-7652 or e-mail yup@korea.army.mil.

ACS Birthday Celebration

Games, music and food will be part of the festivities from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. July 23 as Camp Humphreys' Army Community Service celebrate its 39th birthday. Area III Volunteer of the Quarter winners will also be announced. Join the fun in front of ACS, Building 311. For more information, call Aggie Rodriguez at 753-8294.

World Racquetball

U.S. Forces Korea personnel can attend the 12th World Racquetball Championships for free at the Anyang Youth Center and Seoul Cultural and Education Center. Both venues may be reached easily by subway. Teams from Korea, the United States and 37 other nations will participate from July 31-Aug. 6 at the championship, hosted by the Korean Racquetball Federation. For more information, call Yuni Cobb at 011-9152-1990 or visit www.racquetball.or.kr.



"America Fair" participants gather for a group photo at Pyeongtaek University near Camp Humphreys. The fair, hosted by the university's Department of International Studies, was held to promote U.S.-Korean understanding.

'America Fair' promotes understanding

Students 'change minds' about American Soldiers

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS – A group of Camp Humphreys Soldiers recently visited nearby Pyeongtaek University to participate in an "America Fair" celebration with Korean students and exchange students from Russia and China.

"America Fair" was sponsored by Pyeongtaek University American Studies Chairperson Dr. Kim Nam-gyun and Dr. Robert D. Anthony, the only full-time American professor in the International Studies department at Pyeongtaek University.

Thirty-five Soldiers from Company C, 52nd Aviation Regiment participated in the event aimed at promoting understanding and strengthening community relations.

"The Korean students staged 'Cinderella' in English," said Maj. Richard M. Alonso Holtorf, commander of the aviation maintenance unit. "We had a panel of Soldiers with different ranks and ethnic backgrounds that shared their military experiences."

Alonso Holtorf said the Soldiers – dressed in different types of Army uniforms to show give students an idea of their military roles – explained why volunteer Soldiers serve in the U.S. Army and how they feel about serving in the Republic of Korea.

"It was particularly interesting for the Korean male students, who must fulfill a mandatory two-year compulsory military service commitment, to hear why American Soldiers choose to volunteer for the Army," said Holtorf.



Above: 1st Sgt. Erick Grissom talks to students and Soldiers at the "America Fair" held recently at Pyeongtaek University.

Left: Cpl. Kim Dae-jin, Spc. Ruben Bieller and Pfc. Yuli Castro tell Pyeongtaek University students about their Army jobs.

The presentations were followed by a long question-and-answer session.

Pfc. Rande J. Rodrigues thought the students were a bit shy at first in the presence of so many Soldiers at one time.

"The U.S. Army is diverse in so many ways, it's like a culture shock (for the students)," he said.

Pfc. Chad Parks, who has been involved with Better Opportunities for Single and Unaccompanied Soldiers community

relations events geared toward younger children, said the university students were "very easy to talk to," and he admired their skill in English.

After classroom activities, it was time for games.

Pvt. Michael Sharp and Parks played soccer on teams that combined Soldiers and students. According to Sharp, "they would have killed us if we tried to play against a team of students."

"It was a great learning experience," said Pvt. Michael

McGlone. Although he said he doesn't have much opportunity to interact with people his age, he had a great opportunity while playing basketball.

Several of the Soldiers tried their feet in a game of kick volleyball, but said it was "hard to get the hang of it."

The event concluded with an invitation for supper at the Korean University cafeteria and an invitation back for the fall term.

"This event was a huge success for our Soldiers and for Pyeongtaek University," said Alonso Holtorf.

Dr. Kim – also director of the Division of International Relations that offers programs in American, Chinese and Japanese studies – said the students enjoyed the opportunity to talk to American Soldiers.

"One of my students told me that he met and talked with American servicemen for the first time and changed his previous views," said Kim. "My students appreciated the event and thanked me for inviting the servicemen. Most told me that we should have 'America Fair' next year."

"America Fair was a huge success for our Soldiers..."

– Maj. Richard Alonso Holtorf



Col. Peter W. Foreman accepts the 6th Cavalry Brigade colors from Lt. Gen. Charles C. Campbell, 8th Army commander, during a change of command ceremony June 25 at Camp Humphreys.

PHOTOS BY STEVE DAVIS



Korean and American guests say farewell to Col. Ronald M. Buffkin and his wife Cookie after the 6th Cavalry Brigade change of command ceremony. The incoming commander, Col. Peter W. Foreman, and his wife Kate were greeted during a reception following the change of command.



Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery (Patriot) pass in review during the brigade change of command ceremony.

New commander takes pilot seat at 6th Cavalry Brigade

Area III Public Affairs Office

CAMP HUMPHREYS — Col. Peter W. Foreman assumed command of the 6th Cavalry Brigade June 25 during ceremonies at Camp Humphreys.

Foreman, most recently assigned as chief of the U.S. Southern Command Transnational Threats (J33) Division, takes over from Col. Ronald M. Buffkin, who has been transferred to the Army's Future Center.

The 6th Cavalry "Blackhorse" Brigade includes a headquarters troop, two Apache

attack helicopter squadrons and the 1st Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery (Patriot).

Foreman received the Blackhorse colors from 8th Army Commander Lt. Gen. Charles C. Campbell as Korean and American military personnel and guests watched at a ramp at the Camp Humphreys airfield.

In a speech following the passing of the unit colors, Campbell applauded the brigade's accomplishments during Buffkin's command, including the fielding of an Apache Longbow attack helicopter squadron, the fielding of Patriot Enhanced Capability

missiles by the 1st Battalion, 43rd Air Defense Artillery and the redeployment of an AH-64A Apache squadron to the United States for conversion to the advanced "D" model Apache Longbow, as well as maintaining a rigorous and disciplined training regimen.

Buffkin thanked Blackhorse Soldiers, pilots, Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers, civilian contractors, family members and others for their dedication and support.

"You are the best Soldiers in the greatest Army of the proudest nation on Earth," Buffkin told the Blackhorse Soldiers. "I've

been proud to serve in your ranks."

Foreman — who commanded the 3rd Squadron, 6th Cavalry Brigade several years ago — also addressed the troops.

"It's great to be home again with you. Today, I'm going to make three unbreakable promises: one, my complete dedication; two, my steadfast loyalty; and three, that we will continue to sweat and train so that we don't bleed in battle," Foreman said. "I stand before you with a great deal of pride and honor to be your commander and I look forward to serving with you and meet the challenges that lie ahead. Blackhorse!"

Korean War hero's name lives on

Story, photos by Galen Putnam

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP WALKER – In the midst of an intense battle near Soju-ri, Korea, along the Manchurian border on Nov. 17, 1950, a young medic sprinted through withering fire to reach a fallen comrade nearly 100 yards away.

Felled by enemy fire, the medic crawled the remaining 25 yards to reach the wounded soldier. The medic straddled his patient and began to administer first aid. Hit again by enemy fire, the medic was knocked to the ground. Undaunted, he returned to his life-saving task and was struck for the third and final time and he fell mortally wounded alongside the soldier he was trying to save.

In an effort to ensure the memory of Cpl. Marvin R. Wood lives on, the 168th Medical Battalion (Area Support) named the Camp Walker Medical Clinic in his honor during a ceremony attended by eight of his family members June 23 at Camp Walker.

Wood received the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest honor, and the Wharang Distinguished Service Medal with Silver Star, given by the Republic of Korea Office of the Minister of Defense and the highest award ever given to a foreign soldier, for his actions that day.

"Before departing command, Lt. Col. Ronald Hamilton initiated the search for a model Soldier after whom to dedicate and name the new Camp Walker Clinic. Out of a number of very illustrious heroes of the past, he selected Cpl. Marvin Wood, whom he felt best represented the extraordinary service and sacrifice expected of medical personnel in Korea," said Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Ronald E. Smith Jr. during the ceremony. "Now, over two years later, we recognize so noble a sacrifice with this state-of-the-art clinic on the very country for which he shed his blood."

Family members were touched to know that the Army hasn't forgotten Marvin despite the passage of time.



Norman W. Wood, older brother of Cpl. Marvin R. Wood, speaks during the ceremony renaming the Camp Walker Medical Clinic in his brother's name.

"I can't hardly believe it. There's been lots of heroes since then. For him to still be recognized is pretty fantastic. It means a lot to us," said older brother Norman W. Wood, a World War II Navy veteran who resides in Moses Lake, Wash. "This is a beautiful country and the people are wonderful. I'm glad we got the chance to see it for ourselves."

For many years, one of Marvin's sisters remained bitter and wasn't sure if his sacrifice was worth it.

"Coming here did two things for me," said younger sister Jeannine McFarland, who was 11 years old when



Image of Cpl. Marvin R. Wood on the plaque inside Wood Medical Clinic.

her brother died. "First is closure, which is funny after all these years. Second is getting over the feeling that maybe (his death) it didn't matter. After one day of being here though, I realized that it mattered so much. Fifty years later I can see his sacrifice was worth it. If I hadn't come here myself, I

would never have understood it but having seen the gratitude of the Korean people, well, its overwhelming."

A bronze plaque with Wood's image and Distinguished Service Medal citation were unveiled as part of the ceremony.

"When you go in a building you always read the plaques about who it is named after and here we actually got to meet his family. That makes it special," said Sgt. Lucia Williams, Wood Clinic urgent care noncommissioned officer in charge. "Now it isn't just some guy who died who died in the Korean War. It feels like someone we know. It seems a lot more real."

"You have five brothers and sisters who have spent 50 years with this hole in their lives (all of Marvin's siblings are still alive). The Army has done a lot of good things in Korea and Corporal Wood was a part of that. This is a chance to share that with the family," said Maj. Larry R. Patterson, battalion executive officer. "It was an incredible experience to meet the family. It was also a great experience for the young Soldiers. It is good for them to see that sacrifices are made and that the Army remembers them."

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Wayne Newton to headline Daegu Independence Day celebration

Story by Kevin Jackson

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP HENRY – Las Vegas' favorite son Wayne Newton heads a card of daylong entertainment for the Liberty Fest at Camp Walker's Kelly Field 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturday.

Newton, Miss USA Shandi Finnessey, veteran Hollywood actor and comedian Lewis Dix, and members of the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders top the United Service Organizations and American Forces Entertainment Fourth of July Tour in the Republic of Korea. The USO and AFE Wayne Newton Show begins 7 p.m.

In addition to the USO and AFE entertainment, several Morale, Welfare and Recreation-sponsored bands will perform. They include ITS, a rhythm

and blues group from Cleveland, and the Filipino band Amor from 1-7 p.m.

The day begins 8 a.m. with the Firecracker Five-Kilometer Run and Walk at Kelly Field. Other sports events, which run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., are sandpit volleyball, a 100-meter dash, basketball tournament and a boxing smoker.

Additional entertainment throughout the afternoon includes inflatable playrooms for kids, Korean wrestling, carnival games, adult tricycle races, tug of war, watermelon-eating contest, hot pepper-eating contest, old-fashioned picnic games, open karaoke, a balloon toss, and food and beverages.

The American Forces Network-Korea Taegu Detachment will also be on hand throughout the day providing a live remote radio broadcast from the Liberty Fest.

Festivities conclude with fireworks at 9:30 p.m. Everyone should evacuate Kelly Field before the fireworks display immediately following the entertainment.

The Wayne Newton Show will be held rain or shine barring monsoon rain. If the fireworks are cancelled because of rain on Saturday, they will be shot off on Sunday at the same time.

U.S. Forces Korea identification cardholders, including Korean employees, will be permitted to escort up to 10 Korean guests onto Camp Walker after completing a form that was distributed to tenant units on Daegu installations. The sponsor must complete an installation access form eliminating the need for guests to leave their Korean identification cards with the gate guard. Guests will not be permitted to drive their

automobiles on the installation.

Buses will bring people from Camp Hialeah to Daegu for the Liberty Fest. Seats are provided first-come, first-served and will depart the installation 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Camp Hialeah will also celebrate Independence Day with a series of activities throughout the installation 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Activities begin 8 a.m. with a fun run and walk at the Community Activities Center, and include softball, racquetball and tennis doubles championships; volleyball by the pool, a dunk tank, children's games and face painting, two hours of free bowling, a bike parade, food and beverages and more.

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Commissary Closures

All Area IV commissaries will be closed Sunday in observance of Independence Day. Normal operating hours will resume Tuesday. For more information, call Celine Ruiz at 764-5311.

Korea Theater Support Center Hotline

The 1st Signal Brigade's Korea Theater Support Center has opened a hotline to provide around the clock technical support for computer problems. People with e-mail, Internet or any other problems, can call 8324 or "TECH." It is not necessary to dial any prefix before the number. For more information, call 1st Lt. Ryan Renken at 764-4433.

Area IV Retiree Council

The Area IV Military Retiree Council will hold an open meeting 1 p.m. July 10 at the Hilltop Club on Camp Walker. All military retirees, spouses and widows in Area IV are invited and encouraged to attend. The event's special guest will be a speaker from the Department of Veterans Affairs. For more information, contact retired Lt. Col. Wilfred Plumley at Wilfred.plumley@us.army.mil or retired Chief Master Sgt. Bud Rader at bud.rader@us.army.mil.

Summer Programs

Camp Walker School-Age Services is offering summer specialty camps for children in first- through fifth-grades. Register at the Child and Youth Services Central Registration Office, Camp Walker, Building 257. The camps run for nine weeks beginning Monday. Only 60 spaces are available each week. For more information, call School-Age Services at 764-4381.

Red Cross Station open

The American Red Cross station in Daegu has reopened. For more information and assistance, call Phyllis Marvin at 768-7993.

ID Card Section Hours

The Camp Henry ID card section hours of operation are Monday through Friday: 8 to 8:30 a.m. by appointment only; 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. only for Korean employees; 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. lunch; and 1:30 to 4 p.m. only for U.S. servicemembers, DoD civilians and U.S. contractors. For more information, call Capt. Melanie Lesick at 768-7910.

Men of the Morning Calm

Men of the Morning Calm, a Christian men's fellowship, takes place 6:30-7:30 a.m. every Thursday at Soldier Memorial Chapel on Camp Walker. Soldiers will be back in time for sergeant's time training. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Grady Salisbury at 764-5415.

Fire Detection

All Area IV off-post quarters are required to have both smoke detectors and a fire extinguisher. People who do not have a smoke detectors or fire extinguishers can contact Charles Youngblood at 768-7668 or YoungbloodC@usfk.korea.army.mil

Boxing Coaches Needed

Taegu Sports and Fitness is looking for boxing coaches. For more information, call Darryl Chandler at 764-4225.

Levy Brief

Soldiers within 120 days of reassignment who do not have orders must complete levy briefs online. Log on to www.levybrief.korea.army.mil to get started. For more information, call Pvt. Manuel Cifuentes at 768-8770.

University students visit 'little America'

A look 'behind the wall' an eye-opener for some

Story, photos by Galen Putnam

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP HENRY – The concrete and barbed wire walls surrounding installations might appear foreboding but once inside, a little piece of America unfolds.

In an effort to build cultural bridges and share the "American way of life," the Area IV Support Activity hosted 30 university students from Daegu June 25 for briefings and installation tours of Camps Henry and Walker.

"This is a good opportunity for us to learn about the American culture and meet American people," said Mi Yeun-kwon, a junior studying Chinese language and literature at Youngnam University. "There are a lot of things to see here. It is like a small America in Korea."

The event started mid-morning with a greeting by Area IV Commander Col. James M. Joyner. Douglas Burk, Area IV civilian executive assistant, provided the students with the Area IV base operations briefing, which was followed by a visit to the Camp Henry Fit to Win Center.

Things started out slowly as the students got to know one another and the Soldiers who accompanied them as guides. Then it was time for the real icebreaker – lunch. A meal at the dining facility is a routine matter for Soldiers but for someone who has never been there before, it is an entirely different experience.

"It was a very extensive menu. I could not believe it," said He Yung-pak, a junior who is studying law at Youngnam University. "It was not Korean style. I think I still prefer Korean style."

After lunch, students posed for photos with their new acquaintances, U.S. and Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army Soldiers.

The afternoon was spent touring a number of Camp Walker facilities including the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 19th Theater Support Command barracks, the commissary, and Walker Lodge.



Korean university students admire the produce selection at the Camp Walker Commissary.

"This was a good opportunity for Americans and Koreans to learn about one another," said Kim Hyun, a junior studying architecture at Youngnam University. "We have limited opportunities to meet U.S. Soldiers so this can help build a bridge together to the future."

The group also visited field-grade officers quarters and Wood Medical Clinic.

"As a nursing student, I was very impressed with the clinic," said Park Un-

yu, a junior studying nursing at Daegu Health College. "The U.S. Army is very different from us but now I feel much closer. If chance permits, I hope in the future there are programs for Soldiers to learn about Korean culture with students."

The visit was capped-off with a question-and-answer session with Joyner. Questions covered a variety of topics, but primarily focused on relations between the United States and Korea.

"I'm glad I could experience a 'little America' in Korea because I am very interested in American culture. This is the best place for me to experience America and to learn the thoughts and behavior of Americans," said Hwang Kyoung, a senior majoring in American Studies at Keimyung University. "Americans can experience Korea through me and, as a private ambassador, my friends and family can learn about Americans."

Students from Kyungpook National University have been volunteering on Daegu installations for about two years. The students invited to participate in the staff ride represent future volunteers from the three other major colleges and universities in Daegu.



Daegu area university students get a "high-five" greeting as they enter the Camp Henry Dining Facility.

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837th Transportation Battalion welcomes Kramer

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP HENRY – The Kargo Kings of the 837th Transportation Battalion welcomed a new leader as Lt. Col. Richard J. Kramer assumed command from Lt. Col. James E. Brundage in a change of command ceremony held June 15 at Pier 8, Port of Pusan.

Kramer's previous assignment was with the 19th Theater Support Command where he was chief of the Distribution Management Center in Daegu.

Brundage's next assignment will be with the Joint Staff J-4 Logistical Operations Center at the Pentagon in Washington D.C.

Kramer entered the Minnesota National

Guard in 1982 and later joined ROTC under the Simultaneous Membership Program. He received an early commission in 1984 through ROTC at Mankato State University in Mankato, Minn., and entered active duty after graduating in 1986.

Kramer has served in a variety of command and staff positions including rail operations officer and commander for



Kramer

support with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in Zagreb, Croatia (1995); chief of the Sealift Division, 8th United States Army, Seoul (1997); executive officer, 837th Transportation Battalion, Pier 8, Port of Pusan (1998); force transportation officer for the Multinational Forces and Observers, Sinai, Egypt (2000); exchange officer to the United Kingdom Defense Transport & Movement Agency (2001); and many others.

His education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in Management from Mankato State University, and a Masters of Science degree

in Management from Troy State University. His military training includes the Command and General Staff College, Combined Arms Staff and Services School, Transportation Basic and Advanced Courses, the Strategic Planning Course and Airborne School.

Kramer's awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Joint Service Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Joint Service Achievement Medal, and many others. He has been awarded the Overseas Ribbon eight times.

Ackerman takes reins of 16th Medical Logistics Battalion

Area IV Public Affairs Office

CAMP HENRY – The 16th Medical Logistics Battalion, headquartered at Camp Carroll, welcomed incoming commander Lt. Col. William Ackerman as he took the reins from Lt. Col. Jeffrey Unger during a change of command ceremony June 15 at Camp Walker's Kelly Field.

Ackerman is coming from 8th U.S. Army Headquarters in Seoul, where he served as deputy chief of staff for medical.

Unger is headed for the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, Pa.

Ackerman enlisted in the Army as a combat

medic in 1978. He served as a medic with the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment; 1st Special Forces Group; Brooke Army Medical Center, and others.

He completed a bachelors degree in Business Administration at McKendree College and received a direct commission in 1986. He also completed a masters degree in



Ackerman

Business Management and Logistics at the Florida Institute of Technology.

His assignments include commander, Company C, 101st Forward Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, which deployed to Saudi Arabia in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm; chief of distribution, then chief of medical materiel with the 16th Medical Logistics Battalion, Korea; executive officer for the 226th Medical Logistics Battalion, 30th Medical Brigade, Germany, where he deployed to Kosovo, Macedonia, Republic of Georgia, and Africa; chief, Logistics Operations Division and chief, Logistics Plans and Acquisition Division, 18th

Medical Command, Korea, and others.

Ackerman is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College, Army Medical Department Advanced Course, Depot Operations Course, United States Army Medical Materiel Agency internship program, and others.

His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with Silver and Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, and many others.

Ackerman is also a member of the "Order of Medical Military Merit."

Army marksmanship unit wins at military championships

Story by Chief Master Sgt. Bernard E. DeLisle

Army News Service

NORTH LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit shooters from Fort Benning, Ga., scored decisive victories to win big at this year's 45th Annual Interservice Pistol Championships, June 14 to 17 at Camp Joseph T. Robinson.

The USAMU fielded two marksmanship teams as they joined those from other U.S. military active and reserve components in competing at the annual event.

The Interservice Matches, hosted by the National Guard Marksmanship Training Unit at Camp Robinson, attracted 62 individuals on eight pistol teams composed of some of the top marksmen from across the U.S. military.

The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Service Pistol Team won the championship in the team aggregate with a final aggregate score of 4,634 points and 177 Xs; an X is a bull's eye used in tie breaking. Team members were team captain Sgt. 1st Class Roger C. Jacobson, Staff Sgt. Thomas A. Rose, Sgt. Adam Sokolowski and Spc. Sean Watson.

Like last year, the AMU shooters were followed in second place by the U.S. Marine Corps team from Quantico, Va., with 4,614 points and 153 Xs. The Marine shooters were Gunnery Sgt. Brian Zins, Staff Sgt. Michael A. Lawson, Sgt. James A. Ruiz and Cpl. Kevin Moore.

Third place in the team aggregate went to the Army Reserve Team with a final tally of 4,579 points and 179 Xs. That team was made up of Chief Warrant Officer 4 Albert Wood, double distinguished in pistol and rifle, Staff Sgt. Jason Sargent and Sgts. Keith

Sanderson and James M. Henderson, all distinguished pistol shooters.

Just like last year, members of the U.S. Army Reserve led the way in the Individual Championship, scoring first and third place victories in the Individual Championship Grand Aggregate. Henderson led all individual competitors and set a new match record with a first place score of 3,536 points and 184 Xs.

Henderson was trailed by Zins of the Marine Corps who took second place individual honors with a total score of 3,522 points and 181 Xs. Third place went to Sanderson with 3,496 points and 150 Xs. Henderson and Sanderson are distinguished pistol shooters, while Zins is distinguished in both pistol and rifle disciplines.

Jacobson, who has set eight national shooting records, has been on two world championship-shooting teams and is a distinguished pistol shooter. The 18-year Army veteran said he is very proud of his Army Team.

The Interservice Matches "are important to hone the skills of marksmanship under stress (while) not having someone shooting back at you," Jacobson said. USAMU instructor and shooter, Jacobson teaches "Train the Trainers" and works on improving leaders' abilities to teach their personnel about marksmanship.

Many AMU shooters are champions of other events, such as Rose who is the 2003 .22-Caliber National Indoor Champion. Rose said the Interservice Championships were helpful because "most people don't have access to the knowledge of the correct techniques of shooting without talking to national and world-level competitors."

Sokolowski has been around the shooting scene as a competitor for many years.

"The better shooter you are, the more likely you will be able to hit your targets in a wartime environment," he said. Sokolowski is a distinguished pistol shooter, a Service Pistol National Champion and NRA High Master 2650 shooter.

"Competitive marksmanship events are good for the military because it trickles down to the rest of the unit and improves overall marksmanship," said Spc. Craig S. Nelson, a USAMU pistol gunsmith and distinguished shooter.

Spc. Kyle V. Hjelmberg, an Army scout, echoed Nelson's thoughts. "Competitive marksmanship is important training because we learn to shoot under stressful conditions and still remain precise. It is a skill that can be taught throughout the Army, He said.

In close-quarter combat scenarios, the service pistol is often the weapon of choice and the skills necessary to engage targets at 25 and 50 yards are easily transferable said Capt. David A. Woodard, match officer-in-charge at the NGMTU event

The Interservice Pistol Competition "also provides the cherished opportunity for a service team to claim the title of the 'best of the best,' with all competitors relishing the chance to come together as brothers and sisters-in-arms and to prove who has the skills necessary to win in the team matches," Woodard concluded.

In addition to the Army teams, other competitors and teams included U.S. Army Reserve, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, U.S. Navy, U.S. Navy Reserve and the National Guard All-Guard Team, which is composed of both Army and Air National Guardsmen.

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